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BOWLING BALL FINGER GRIP

CLAIMS ON APPEAL

1. A bowling accessory, comprising:

a mechanism for retaining the accessory to a bowler's finger;

a pad having one or more projections for contacting a bowling ball, said pad associated with said retaining mechanism, and said pad having an arcuate surface, said projections having desired configuration such that when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball, the projections flatten providing a larger surface on the ball to enhance contact with the ball.

2. The bowling accessory according to Claim 1, wherein said arcuate surface has one or more projecting for contacting the bowling ball.

3. The bowling accessory according to Claim 1, wherein said arcuate surface has a plurality of projections in a desired pattern.

4. The bowling accessory according to Claim 1, wherein said arcuate surface has a radius which is complementary to a radius of a bowling ball.

5. The bowling accessory according to Claim 1, wherein said arcuate surface is concave.

6. A bowling finger grip, comprising:

a tubular member having a bore for receiving the finger of a bowler;

a gripping surface on said tubular member, a plurality of gripping members on said gripping surface for contacting a bowling ball, said gripping surface being curved, said gripping members having desired configuration such that when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball, the gripping members flatten providing a larger surface on the ball to enhance contact with the ball.

7. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 6, wherein said gripping surface including a plurality of gripping members.

8. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 7, wherein said gripping members have a convex face for contacting the bowling ball.

9. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 6, wherein said bore is tapered at one end for enhancing fit with a bowler's finger tip.

10. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 6, wherein said curve of said gripping surface has a curvature substantially the same as the bowling ball curvature.

11. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 6, wherein said gripping surface includes a plurality of projecting members positioned in a desired pattern on said gripping surface.

12. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 11, wherein said projecting members are aligned with one another.

13. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 6, wherein said tubular member has a D-shaped section viewed along a longitudinal axis.

14. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 13, wherein said bore is elliptical viewed along a longitudinal axis.

15. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 6, wherein a line through ends of said projecting members along the width of said gripping surface is curved.

16. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 15, wherein said curvature of said line is substantially the same as the curvature of the bowling ball.